

JOSEPH P. RILEY, JR. MAYOR BARBARA W. VAUGHN
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CITY OF CHARLESTON NORTHBRIDGE PARK NOW OPEN

Charleston, S.C. — Charleston Mayor Joseph P. Riley, Jr. held a dedication ceremony today to celebrate the opening of the City's newest park, Northbridge Park, located at the foot of the Northbridge on Sam Rittenberg Boulevard in West Ashley.

The 3.11 acre park features a pier and dock with a canoe/kayak launch, a picnic area, beach access, 16 parking spaces, ADA accessibility, a pet station, which provides dog bags and waste disposal, a bicycle rack, a drinking fountain, a lighted vehicle and pedestrian travel way under the bridge, a pedestrian/bike path from West Ashley to the park, and security cameras will be installed under the bridge. SCDOT owns the site of the park, but the City will operate and maintain it. Funding for the pedestrian/bike path to the park was provided through Charleston County.

The location of Northbridge Park has long been a favorite spot for nearby residents to fish and catch crab. These activities will be made even easier with the newly constructed pier and dock. The addition of the canoe/kayak launch also makes Northbridge Park the newest location in the city where people can launch their canoes and kayaks.

Mayor Joseph P. Riley, Jr. said, "Northbridge Park fills a great recreation need for the West Ashley area. Long used as access to the river, this park now offers a safer, more organized way to use this precious space at our waters' edge. Remarkably, this is one of 19 parks which provide access to the water in our city."

Construction of the park cost \$1,535,379. Contractors were Dock and Marine and Massenburg Construction. The Marine Consultant was Jon Guerry Taylor & Associates. Consultant was ADC Engineering.

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